
MONTANA CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Issues that affect Montana contractors and the way they do business are wide and varied whenever the Montana Legislature meets every two years. The 2019 Montana Legislative Session was no exception and the Montana Contractors' Association (MCA) was on hand throughout to weigh in on legislation that ranged from funding for Career Training Education (CTE), to regulations governing opencut mining. We logged some wins and some losses, but our members can rest easy knowing the MCA was diligent in representing their interests every step of the way.

The association produces this scorecard following each legislative session to highlight the issues that were most important to the construction industry, and advise our members regarding how their elected officials represented their interests through votes on key legislation.

New this year, you may note we didn't identify the parties the legislators represent. We did this intentionally, in an effort to demonstrate the MCA's commitment to being an association that scores its legislators on the way they vote on issues, not their political affiliation. This information is available on the scorecard on the MCA website for those who are curious.



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We hope this scorecard for the 2019 Montana Legislative Session proves informative, and encourages our members to engage in the legislative process early and often. In addition, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to those legislators who advanced key legislation that supported our infrastructure and those who build it.

DAVID SMITH

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MCA

HOW DID WE SCORE OUR LEGISLATORS?

Points are awarded to legislators for key votes (committee and floor) that supported MCA's position. Points are listed in each bill column header, and are based on the level of importance each bill had to the MCA's efforts in the legislature. Five is the greatest number of points allotted to any bill. No points are awarded or deducted for votes against MCA's position. Votes for which a legislator is excused or absent are not factored into the final score, so they do affect the legislator's final score.

Bill sponsor points: Five points are awarded to legislators who sponsor selected MCA-supported bills.

Score formula: Points earned + Sponsor points / Possible committee or floor vote points = MCA score



SPONSOR POINTS

The MCA awarded **five additional points** to legislators who sponsored bills that were of particular importance to the way MCA members live and work in Big Sky Country. These are the legislators who received extra credit for their work on behalf of Montana contractors.

Thank you...

to all of our Montana legislators who worked so hard on behalf of our state in the 2019 Montana Legislative Session!

Sen. Terry Gauthier (Helena)

- SB 338 – This bill provided for construction of the Montana Heritage Center and created museum grants.

Rep. Mike Hopkins (Missoula)

- HB 652 - This bill revised the long-range building bonding program.

Rep. Denley Loge (St. Regis)

- HB 242 – This bill would have prohibited use of cell phones in work zones.
- HB 764 – This bill would have revised electric vehicle laws to add a vehicle license tax.

Sen. Tom Richmond (Billings)

- SB 343 – This bill revised Montana's open cut laws.

Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (Dillon)

- SB 307 – This bill would have revised alternative project delivery laws.

HOUSE BILLS WE SCORED:

HB 5 (Jim Keane) - Long-Range Building Appropriations (House – third reading – 4/18/19) (Senate – third reading – 4/13/19) – Support – 1 pt - signed by governor

HB 8 (Jim Keane) - Renewable Resource Bonds & Loans (House – third reading – 4/25/19) (Senate – third reading – 4/18/19) – Support – 1 pt - signed by governor

HB 11 (Jim Keane) – Treasure State Regional Water Program (House – third reading – 3/23/19) (Senate – third reading – 4/9/19) – Support – 1 pt - signed by governor

HB 197 (Daniel Zolnikov) – Require public agency IT contractors to use software to verify hours worked (House State Administration Committee – 2/8/19) – Oppose – 1 pt - tabled

HB 218 (Sue Vinton) – Generally revise laws related to career and technical education (House – third reading - 3/14/19) (Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee – 4/8/19) – Support – 1 pt - tabled

HB 242 (Denley Loge) – Revise regulation of cell phones (House Judiciary Committee – 2/5/19) – Support – 1 pt - tabled

HB 295 (Fred Anderson) – Create grant program to encourage work-based learning (House – third reading – 3/15/19) (Senate Finance and Claims Committee – 4/9/19) – Support – 1 pt - tabled

HB 313 (Andrea Olsen) - Allow worker to choose treating physician in workers' compensation cases – (House Business and Labor Committee – 2/15/19) – Oppose – 1 pt - tabled

HB 405 (Joel Krautter) – Create catch and keep program for rural economic development – (House – third reading – 3/30/19) (Senate Finance and Claims Committee – 4/12/19) – Support – 1 pt - tabled

HB 452 (Jonathan Windy Boy) – Revising laws related to tribal consultation (re: impacts to heritage properties) – (House State Administration Committee – 2/27/19) – Oppose – 1 pt - tabled

HB 553 (Frederick Moore) – Generally revise infrastructure funding laws – (House – third reading – 4/15/19) (Senate – third reading – 4/10/19) – Support – 3 pts - signed by governor

HB 565 (Casey Schreiner) – Create the Montana apprentice utilization and investment act – (House Business and Labor Committee – 2/27/19) – Support – 1 pt - tabled

HB 570 (Thomas Winter) – Provide apprentices with rights to minimum wage, overtime – (House Business and Labor Committee – 2/27/19) – Oppose – 1 pt - tabled

HB 631 (Kimberly Dudik) – Create public private partnership to help workers in targeted industries – (House – third reading – 4/17/19) (Senate – third reading – 4/12/19) – Support – 1 pt - signed by governor

HB 652 (Mike Hopkins) – Revise the long range building bonding program – (House – third reading – 3/29/19) (Senate – third reading – 4/18/19) – Support – 5 pts - signed by governor

HB 658 (Edward Buttrey) – Generally revise healthcare laws and permanently expand Medicaid - key amendment removed workers' comp premium tax – (Senate Finance and Claims Committee – 4/8/19) – Support – 3 pts - signed by governor

HOUSE BILLS CON'T.

HB 661 (Geraldine Custer) – Revise aviation fuel taxation – (House – third reading – 4/24/19) (Senate – third reading – 4/16/19) – Support – 1 pt - signed by governor

HB 674 (Kerry White) – Increase state gas tax distribution to recreation-related programs – (House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee – 3/26/19) – Oppose – 1 pt - tabled

HB 678 (Jessica Karjala) – Revise procurement laws regarding preference, responsible bidders – (House Business and Labor Committee – 3/25/19) – Oppose – 1 pt - tabled

HB 679 (Jessica Karjala) – Clarify work week for overtime-eligible employees – (House Business and Labor Committee – 3/25/19) – Oppose – 1 pt - tabled

HB 732 (Derek Harvey) – Provide workers' compensation premium offset in certain learning programs – (House – third reading – 4/23/19) (Senate – third reading – 4/16/19) – Support – 1 pt - signed by governor

HB 757 (Derek Harvey) – Generally revise workers' compensation laws – (House – third reading – 4/1/19) (Senate – third reading – 4/16/19) – Support – 1 pt - signed by governor

HB 764 (Denley Loge) – Generally revise electric vehicle laws – (House – third reading – 4/1/19) (Senate Highways and Transportation Committee – 4/11/19) – Support – 1 pt - tabled

HJ 35 (Alan Redfield) – Interim study of state and local tax policy – (House – third reading – 4/25/19) (Senate – third reading – 4/18/19) – Support – 1 pt - filed with Secretary of State



Marty Schuma, president of Dick Anderson Construction, testifies before the Senate Business, Labor and Economic Affairs Committee.

SENATE BILLS WE SCORED:

SB 78 (Mary McNally) – Require workers' comp insurers to provide notice to workers of claim closure – (House – third reading – 4/3/19) (Senate – third reading – 2/19/19) – Oppose – 3 pts - died in process

SB 97 (Frank Smith) – Generally revising laws related to common carrier pipelines – (Senate Natural Resources Committee – 2/4/19) – Oppose – 1 pt - tabled

SB 241 (Jeffrey Welborn) – Allow increased resort tax for infrastructure – (House – third reading – 4/9/19) (Senate – third reading – 3/19/19) – Support – 3 pts - signed by governor

SB 272 (Steve Hinebaugh) – Revise zone pay and dispatch cities for prevailing wages – (Senate Business, Labor and Economic Affairs Committee – 2/22/19) – Oppose – 1 pt - tabled

SB 307 (Jeffrey Welborn) – Generally revising alternative project delivery laws – (House – second reading – 4/5/19) (Senate – third reading – 2/27/19) – Support – 3 pts - died in process

SB 338 (Terry Gauthier) – Provide for construction of the Montana Heritage Center and create museum grants – (House – third reading – 4/25/19) (Senate – third reading – 3/29/19) – Support – 5 pts - signed by governor

SB 343 (Tom Richmond) – Revise open cut laws – (House – third reading – 4/16/19) – (Senate – third reading – 4/18/19) – Support – 5 pts - signed by governor

MONTANA REPRESENTATIVE SCORECARD

Rep/District	Score	Avg. Score	Rep/District	Score	Avg. Score
Kim Abbott 83	85	80	Derek Harvey 74	80	80
Fred Anderson 20	86	87	Denise Hayman 66	92	70
Jacob Bachmeier 28	85	92	Greg Hertz 12	51	65
Jade Bahr 50	85	85	Kenneth Holmlund 38	92	85
Nancy Ballance 87	92	74	Mike Hopkins 92	80	80
Dan Bartel 29	53	48	Llew Jones 18	94	98
Becky Beard 80	44	44	Jessica Karjala 48	93	76
David Bedey 86	100	100	Joshua Kassmier 27	78	78
Seth Berglee 58	41	55	Jim Keane 73	79	72
Barbara Bessette 24	82	82	Kathy Kelker 47	90	73
Laurie Bishop 60	84	82	Connie Keogh 91	82	82
Bob Brown 13	48	49	Emma Kerr-Carpenter 49	85	85
Zach Brown 63	92	69	Casey Knudsen 33	49	44
Tom Burnett 67	41	44	Joel Krautter 35	76	76
Edward Buttrey 21	98	91	Jasmine Krotkov 25	85	85
Mary Caferro 81	79	60	Dennis Lenz 53	40	59
Willis Curdy 98	77	69	Denley M. Loge 14	76	77
Geraldine Custer 39	90	92	Ryan Lynch 76	82	79
Greg DeVries 75	32	32	Forrest Mandeville 57	41	70
Alan Doane 36	38	59	Theresa Manzella 85	38	47
Julie Dooling 70	95	95	Marilyn Marler 90	85	85
Kimberly Dudik 94	85	73	Wendy McKamey 19	83	79
David Dunn 9	52	52	Bill Mercer 46	42	42
Mary Ann Dunwell 84	85	70	Frederick Moore 37	62	71
Neil Duram 2	49	49	Terry Moore 54	51	51
Robert Farris-Olsen 79	80	80	Shane A. Morigeau 95	88	84
David B. Fern 5	85	87	Dale Mortensen 44	72	58
Ross H. Fitzgerald 17	98	91	Mark Noland 10	50	54
Frank Fleming 51	56	56	Andrea Olsen 100	59	56
John Fuller 8	45	45	Patricia Peppers 41	69	66
Moffie Funk 82	77	72	Zac Perry 3	83	76
E. Wylie Galt 30	49	44	Gordon Pierson 78	68	75
Rodney Garcia 52	88	88	Christopher Pope 65	68	61
Frank Garner 7	92	97	Joe Read 93	79	79
Carl Glimm 6	41	54	Alan Redfield 59	41	57
Sharon Greef 88	76	76	Matt Regier 4	36	37
Bruce Grubbs 68	98	91	Vince Ricci 55	51	66
Steve Gunderson 1	45	46	Tyson Runningwolf 16	91	91
Jim Hamilton 61	87	84	Marilyn Ryan 99	82	81
Bradley M. Hamlett 23	85	78	Walt Sales 69	100	94

MONTANA REPRESENTATIVE SCORECARD CON'T.

Rep/District	Score	Avg. Score
Casey Schreiner D 26	69	75
Ray Shaw R 71	100	97
Lola Sheldon-Galloway R 22	33	28
Derek Skees R 11	40	40
Bridget Smith D 31	92	86
Sharon Stewart-Peregoy D 42	78	61
Katie Sullivan D 89	86	86
Mark Sweeney D 77	83	83
Brad Tschida R 97	29	41
Barry Usher R 40	48	51
Sue Vinton R 56	58	61
Marvin Weatherwax D 15	73	73
Peggy Webb R 43	32	42
Tom Welch R 72	100	89
Kerry White R 64	48	53
Jonathan Windy Boy D 32	84	63
Thomas Winter D 96	85	85
Tom Woods D 62	85	67
Daniel Zolnikov R 45	54	47

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**Average score based on MCA scores for the last four legislative sessions. For elected officials with fewer than four sessions of service, scores based on MCA scores for the number of sessions in legislative office.*



MONTANA SENATOR SCORECARD

Senator/District	Score	Avg. Score	Senator/District	Score	Avg. Score
Duane Ankney 20	90	96	Margaret MacDonald 26	91	73
Richard Barrett 45	92	65	Sue Malek 46	92	65
Bryce Bennett 50	81	67	Edith L. McClafferty 38	89	81
Mark Blasdel 4	44	67	Nate McConnell 48	90	72
Kenneth Bogner 19	39	39	Mary McNally 24	90	76
Carly Boland 12	89	85	Albert Olszewski 6	25	49
Dee Brown 2	32	54	Ryan Osmundson 15	62	68
Jill Cohenour 42	92	70	Michael Phillips 31	91	67
Mike Cuffe 1	76	82	Jennifer Pomnichowski 33	89	61
Janet Ellis 41	89	75	Keith Regier 3	33	53
Jason Ellsworth 43	42	42	Tom Richmond 28	93	94
John Esp 30	35	35	Scott Sales 35	44	48
Jennifer Fielder 7	60	63	Daniel R. Salomon 47	85	90
Steve Fitzpatrick 10	78	82	Diane Sands 49	89	68
Pat Flowers 32	90	90	Jon C. Sesso 37	85	72
Terry J. Gauthier 40	93	97	Jason Small 21	92	88
Bruce Gillespie 9	92	92	Cary L. Smith 27	32	58
Jen Gross 25	89	89	Frank J. Smith 16	91	84
Steve Hinebauch 18	34	40	Russel Tempel 14	64	66
Brian Hoven 13	61	74	Fred Thomas 44	69	81
David Howard 29	46	60	Gordon Vance 34	30	51
Tom Jacobson 11	87	82	Gene Vuckovich 39	92	72
Douglas Kary 22	42	62	Roger Webb 23	39	58
Bob Keenan 5	12	48	Susan Webber 8	87	73
Mike Lang 17	60	73	Jeffrey Welborn 36	81	95

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MCA: DID YOU KNOW?

The Montana Contractors' Association, a chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, is a trade organization representing commercial, industrial and public works construction firms.

1

1937

The year the MCA was established after a group of Montana contractors combined efforts for the purpose of working together to support and promote the construction industry in Big Sky Country.

2

250+

The number of member companies in the MCA. Those companies are divided into general contractors, specialty contractors, associates and visiting contractors. Some companies have been MCA members for almost 80 years.

3

3,000

The number of lives the **MCA Health Care Trusts** insure in Montana. Created by contractors, for contractors, the benefits provided through the health care plan are an excellent incentive for attracting new employees and retaining existing staff. The Trusts also provide retirement plans.

4

\$32 MILLION

The amount the **Montana Contractor Compensation Fund (MCCF)** has refunded to members of its workers' comp programs since its establishment. Again, this self-insured fund was created by contractors, for contractors.

5

\$70,000

The dollar amount the MCA Associates' and Concrete Divisions have distributed to students for scholarships in the last decade. That doesn't include the funds donated to AGC student chapters and endowments at Montana University System schools.

6

500+

The number of people the MCA trained in concrete, storm water pollution prevention planning (SWPPP), and other disciplines in 2018. The MCA is the local sponsor of the American Concrete Institute (ACI) and National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA), along with being the National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER's) Accredited Training Program Sponsor in Montana.

7

700+

The number of people who attended MCA networking and informational events in 2018. The MCA offers its members the opportunity to make vital industry connections at its annual convention, Summer Outing, tailgate parties, and more.

8

26,000

The number of people who are employed in the construction industry in Montana. And we need more! The MCA is working hard to raise awareness of construction careers and bring more employees to our members.



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